

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

1. (Currently Amended) A sock having a body, the sock comprising first and second openings positioned ~~along~~ **through** the body of the sock, the openings being sized sufficiently to allow a second sock to be threaded through the openings and retained to the sock thereby.

2. (Original) The sock of claim 1 where the openings are spaced apart parallel slits.

3. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 1 comprising material behind the openings such that a wearer's leg is not viewable through the openings while the sock is being worn.

4. (Currently Amended) A sock comprising:

a body;

a channel formed in the body, the channel being **integral with the body and** configured to receive and retain a portion of a second sock.

5. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 4 where the channel is ~~formed of~~ **defined by** two layers of material.

6. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim 4 where the channel is formed by attaching a swatch to **the inside of** the body of the sock.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The sock of claim ~~[[8]]~~ **6** where the sock body includes first and second openings through which the second sock is able to access the channel.

10. (New) The sock of claim 2 where the parallel slits are spaced apart a distance that is proportional to the weight of a material from which the second sock is formed.

11. (New) The sock of claim 5 where the two layers of material have substantially similar material properties.

12. (New) A sock having a body, the sock comprising inner and outer layers of material that form at least a portion of the body, the outer layer comprising first and second openings there through, the openings being sized sufficiently to allow a second sock to be

threaded through the openings and retained to the sock thereby.

13. (New) The sock of claim 12 where the outer layer is configured to match a pattern printed on the sock body.

14. (New) The sock of claim 12 where the openings are spaced apart a distance that is proportional to the weight of a material from which the second sock is formed.

15. (New) The sock of claim 12 where the openings are sized proportional to the weight of a material from which the second sock is formed.